

**1. What was / has been your occupation before entering politics?**

I grew up in small business. I have worked as a federal public servant and as a teacher here in our community.

**2. Do you live in the riding and, if so, how long has it been your home?**

My wife and I live in Metcalfe, where we are raising our son Cameron. I have lived in our riding since 2012.

**3. What has been your main involvement with your community outside of work (volunteer activities, etc.)?**

I have worked as a musician, often volunteering for local organizations. I've also been involved at my church in Kars, with the Legion in Manotick, and have been involved with local sports teams.

**4. In your life what event, or book, or speech, or song or even TV show has made the biggest impression on you and your political thinking? Why?**

Growing up in a close-knit rural Ontario community probably had the biggest impact on how I approach politics. I was fortunate to have many people in my community who stepped up for me and my friends. My teachers, my coaches, my employers at small businesses in town – these people stepped up for me and showed me what leadership means. It's because of their impact that I'm stepping up here in Carleton. They cared about their community and made personal sacrifices to improve the quality of life for the people around us.

**5. What previous politician, (alive or dead, but not currently in parliament) is a role model for you?**

Lester B Pearson. He was a champion for the underdog, creating the Canada Pension Plan, universal health care, student loans and the Official Languages Act. He was also a great diplomat, who exported the values that we cherish here in Canada.

**6. What policy in your party's platform do you think matters most to the people in your riding?**

Our riding is growing. We've got new communities sprouting up from one end to the other. We have made a commitment to continue investments in infrastructure, like extending the LRT to Stittsville, and building a community centre with a pool and library in Riverside South and Findlay Creek. I'm also very proud of our commitment to universal high speed internet, which will allow our rural and growing communities better connectivity so that the small businesses can prosper. These are real issues that impact everyday quality of life, and these are the issue that I'll champion if elected on October 21.

**7. Recent polls suggest many Canadians are disillusioned with politics. If elected, what would you do to address those concerns?**

I would start talking about the people who actually live and work here in Carleton. Through my seat at the table I would champion the issues that matter to them. Canadians are tired of the theatrics of some politicians. I would bring a more mature approach to building relationships and getting things done. I will work hard to bring civility back to politics, and to make sure that the people in our community know they can come to me with their questions or concerns and be met with my full attention. I'm in this for our community – and they can count on me.